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CHICAGO LIBRARY JOINS GPO PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) designates DePaul University Library in Chicago, IL as the new digital-only member of GPO’s Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The university will provide access to an online collection of thousands of Federal Government documents to share with the public, faculty, and students. Some of those documents include: the U.S. Code, Code of Federal Regulations, and the Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents. Through the FDLP, GPO partners with 1,200 libraries nationwide to provide free public access to published information on all three branches of the Federal Government. DePaul joins a program that can be traced back to 1814 when President James Madison signed the 7th Joint Congressional Resolution of the 3rd session of the 13th Congress, authorizing the Federal Government “for furnishing the American Antiquarian Society (Worcester, MA) with a copy of the Journals of Congress and of the documents published under their order.”

“Libraries are a critical component in providing the public free access to Government information,” said GPO Director Davita Vance-Cooks. “GPO welcomes DePaul University Library into this longstanding program and looks forward to providing information in digital formats for the library to share with its community.”

“Government information is critical to teaching, learning, and scholarship across the curriculum,” said DePaul University Librarian Scott Walter. “Increased access to digital data sets created by Federal Government agencies and the tools to use them will allow us to provide greater support for faculty and students in our swiftly-growing programs in Data Science.” The commitment to provide government information services to members of the public, Walter continued, “will also allow our library to contribute in new ways to DePaul’s community engagement programs and its efforts to deepen our connection to the city of Chicago.”

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